

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUMMERCREST ASSISTED LIVING

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to Summercrest Assisted Living in Newport, New Hampshire on its 20th anniversary.

Summercrest provides vital programs to seniors across the Lake Sunapee Region who need care services but are limited by income. I am so thankful to the healthcare professionals, caregivers, leadership and staff at Summercrest for their essential role in improving the lives of Granite Staters every day. I remain committed to doing all that I can to guarantee retirement security, healthy aging and long-term services for our elder population.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Summercrest Assisted Living for the great service it provides to the Granite State and congratulate the facility again on 20 years of operation. I look forward to our continued work together in making New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

### HONORING KENNETH WOODSON

#### HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hard-working and influential member of the Philadelphia business community, Mr. Kenneth Woodson. Kenneth has served as Vice President of Community and Government Relations of the Philadelphia Zoo for 25 years.

In his role, Kenneth works with the President and CEO of the Philadelphia Zoo to develop and maintain relationships with civic and community organizations and government officials. He is also responsible for managing the implementation of strategic projects, such as the Zoo Balloon and the recently completed Centennial District Intermodal Transportation Center (IMTC).

For the past 35 years, Kenneth has held several senior management positions in government, banking, and the not-for-profit housing sector. Prior to joining the Philadelphia Zoo, he served as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of License and Inspections and has also served as a senior manager of Philadelphia Housing Development Corporations' Home Improvement Program.

In addition to his position at the Philadelphia Zoo, Kenneth is an ordained Baptist preacher and serves as an Associate Minister and Ex-

ecutive Minister to the Pastor at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA.

As evidenced through Kenneth Woodson's experience, he has dedicated his life and career towards serving the citizens of the City of Philadelphia. The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Kenneth Woodson for his dedicated support to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### CELEBRATING SUNY CANTON'S 50 YEARS ON THE HILL

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize SUNY Canton for celebrating 50 years at its campus on the hill.

SUNY Canton was originally chartered in 1906 as a school of agriculture at St. Lawrence University. As the school grew, it developed its own identity as the Canton Agricultural and Technical College and sought to move onto its own campus. Location ideas varied from Ogdensburg to Watertown, but due to a gracious land donation by Edson Martin, the college was able to stay in Canton. In 1968, SUNY Canton opened its current campus and took over "the hill," where its students and faculty have prospered ever since.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate SUNY Canton for 50 years on the hill and commend the College on its commitment to education in the North Country.

### HESPERIA MAYOR RUSSELL E. BLEWETT PASSES AWAY AT 74

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hesperia Mayor Russell E. Blewett, an incredible pillar of the community. Russ passed away on May 23, 2018 at the age of 74.

Russ was born on April 9, 1944 in Covina, CA and was a lifelong resident of the great state of California. He graduated from Baldwin Park High School and attended the University of California, Riverside with a bachelor's degree. Later in life, he attended the University of Redlands where he received his master's degree in business.

Russ always showed a love of politics and public service. He served as California's youngest mayor from 1972–1973, and again from 1977–1978, in the City of Baldwin Park. Although his business and family eventually took him away from Baldwin Park, he continued to have a passion for his community and public service wherever he went. When he

moved to Hesperia in 2003, he quickly became ingrained in the community. In 2010, he was elected overwhelmingly to the Hesperia City Council, and was reelected in 2014. He served as Hesperia's mayor in 2012 and in 2018.

With Russ's passing, Hesperia has lost a titan who helped build the city into what it is today. Russ was known for his faith, integrity, and incredible work ethic, and will be missed by all who knew him. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to pass along my deepest condolences to all of Russ's friends and family during this difficult time.

### THE PHILADELPHIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC EUROPE AND ISRAEL TOUR

#### HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with great honor to salute the Philadelphia Orchestra on its upcoming historic tour through Europe and Israel. I have had the privilege of working to support them over the years during my time in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and now here in Congress. I can't think of a better cultural ambassador for our country, the Commonwealth, and our great city, than the finely-tuned Philadelphia Orchestra.

With support from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's Department of Community and Economic Development and State Department diplomats, and more than 150 Pennsylvania musicians, non-profits, and business leaders, this historic journey starts in Brussels, Belgium, and will wind its way through Luxembourg, France, Germany, and Austria. These historic countries are iconic in their musical backgrounds, having given birth to artists such as Beethoven, Brahms, Poulenc, Wagner, and Mozart.

I take special pride in the Philadelphia Orchestra's visit to Israel, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. This visit not only confirms and solidifies the distinct and unique cultural, political, and humanitarian bond amongst the City of Philadelphia, the Jewish community, and the State of Israel. Israel and its people have been continually under siege for ages from the time of Judea to Samaria, and by recognizing their dignity, honor, and courage, the Orchestra's visit serves to underscore how important Israel is to the Middle East writ large, and to America. And let me add that the Philadelphia Orchestra should be noted for the diversity of its musicians and staff orchestra's diversity complements.

I would like to give special recognition to the Philadelphia Orchestra's director, Yannick Nezet-Seguín, the chairman, Richard Worley, and the leadership at the top who have helped forge ties both near and far, Philadelphia Orchestra Interim Co-Presidents Ryan Fleur and

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